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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Arab-Israeli Situation Report
(As of 1700 EDT)

1. The Israeli press continues to report on maneuvering within the Israeli government apparently aimed at strengthening the cabinet in the face of the current crisis. Pressures to appoint General Moshe Dayan as Defense Minister reportedly prompted Prime Minister Eshkol to offer the post to Labor Minister Yigal Allon yesterday. Allon, however, today is reported to have informed Eshkol that he is withdrawing his candidacy for that post. This may strengthen Dayan's bid for the post of Defense Minister.

2. An Israeli radio commentary stated today that the new Jordanian-Egyptian defense pact is "of major significance" that "cannot be treated like the scores of others which remain dead letters." It concluded, however, by saying "there is no basic change in the balance of power."

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5. Jordanian Foreign Minister Tuqan stated that Jordan would resume full diplomatic relations with Syria. He arrived in Cairo this afternoon to exchange instruments of ratification of the recent Egyptian-Jordanian pact.

6. In Baghdad a massive demonstration of labor unionists halted traffic in the capital's main street, calling for Iraq to sever diplomatic relations with the United States. The demonstrators represented unions of various political leanings.

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8. Sudan's Prime Minister Mohamed Mahgoub reportedly announced today that his country will send troops to Egypt next week to bolster the Arab armies in the event of a war with Israel. Another press report credits a Sudanese ministerial source with saying the force will number 1,200 men.

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9. West Germany today announced it has decided to supply 20,000 gas masks to Israel. The announcement was made after a reportedly serious cabinet clash over the issue, and in response to an Israeli request allegedly arising from fears of Egyptian gas attacks.

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